

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: Focazio et al. | § | Group Art Unit: 2167 |
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| Serial No.: 10/803,630 | § | Examiner: Rayyan, Susan F. |
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| Filed: March 18, 2004 | § | Attorney Docket No.: AUS920040040US1 |
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| For: Method and Apparatus for Splitting | § | |
| and Merging Request and Response Data at | § | |
| Runtime | § | |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Madam:

A fee of \$400.00 is required for two (2) additional independent claims in excess of the four (4) previously paid for. Please charge this fee to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.